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In re

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PROCESSING METHOD

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each item is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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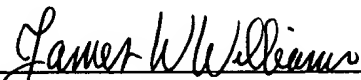
relative pertinence. The references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

- (1) Fujita et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,659,402, issued August 19, 1997; and
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 10-028221 (CANON INC), published January 27, 1998.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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